

## PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION

### THIRTEENTH PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE REGIONAL COMMITTEE, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

*(Held at Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, October 1-10, 1950)*

#### FINAL ACT\*

The XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference was held at Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, in the Medical Sciences Building of the University of Santo Domingo, 1-10 October 1950, in accordance with the decision taken at the III Meeting of the Directing Council held at Lima, Peru, 6-13 October 1949.

A Preliminary Session was held on 1 October 1950, at which the Delegates who were officers of the IV Meeting of the Directing Council served as provisional officers, as follows:

President: Dr. Ricardo Cappeletti, Uruguay. First Vice-President: Dr. Félix Hurtado, Cuba. Second Vice-President: Dr. N. H. Swellengrebel, the Netherlands. Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante, Secretary General of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, acted as Secretary, pursuant to Article 9 of the Rules of Procedure.

#### RULES OF PROCEDURE

In accordance with the Provisional Agenda, the Meeting studied the Rules of Procedure of the Conference (Doc. CSP13/5, Rev. 1), as approved by the Executive Committee at its 11th Meeting. The Delegate from El Salvador proposed that Article 1 of this document be substituted by Articles 1 and 2 of the original text, Doc. CSP13/5. The meeting accepted this notion and the Rules of Procedure were adopted with this only modification.

#### PRECEDENCE

The order of precedence of the Delegations was then determined by lot, as follows:

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| 1. United States  | 9. Peru         |
| 2. United Kingdom | 10. Mexico      |
| 3. Guatemala      | 11. Chile       |
| 4. Panama         | 12. Uruguay     |
| 5. Cuba           | 13. Netherlands |
| 6. France         | 14. Honduras    |
| 7. Nicaragua      | 15. Ecuador     |
| 8. El Salvador    | 16. Colombia    |

\* Abridged version.

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| 17. Argentina  | 21. Brazil             |
| 18. Venezuela  | 22. Dominican Republic |
| 19. Haiti      | 23. Paraguay           |
| 20. Costa Rica | 24. Bolivia            |

## COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The Committee on Credentials composed of the following Delegates: Chairman: Dr. Nacianceno Romero, Chile; Rapporteur: Dr. Pedro Hugo Peña, Paraguay; and Dr. Alejandro Sequeira Rivas, Nicaragua, submitted its Report to Plenary Session. This Report indicated the acceptance of the credentials of the following:

## DELEGATIONS

*Argentina:* Dr. Lorenzo Adriano García, Dr. Gerardo Segura; Adviser: Dr. Héctor Coll. *Bolivia:* Dr. Roberto Pacheco Iturralde. *Brazil:* Dr. Heitor Prager Fróes, Dr. Ernani de Paiva Ferreira Braga, Dr. Mario Pinotti; Advisers: Dr. Oswaldo Lopes da Costa, Dr. Waldemar Antunes, Mr. Antonio Houaiss. *Chile:* Dr. Nacianceno Romero, Dr. Hernán Romero, Mr. Fernando Prats; Adviser: Dr. Marcos Charnes. *Colombia:* Dr. Jorge E. Cavelier. *Costa Rica:* Dr. Oscar Vargas Méndez. *Cuba:* Dr. Félix Hurtado, Dr. Luis Espinosa, Dr. Filiberto Ramírez Corría; Adviser: Dr. José Figueroa. *Dominican Republic:* Dr. Manuel A. Robiou, Dr. Luis F. Thomén, Dr. Amable Lugo Santos; Alternates: Dr. Manuel E. Perdomo, Dr. Rodolfo de la Cruz Lora, Dr. Marcial Martínez Larré; Advisers: Dr. Pompilio A. Brouwer, Dr. Nelson Estruch, Dr. Juan M. Moscoso C., Dr. Ramón Guzmán López, Eng. Demetrio Gañán, Dr. Héctor S. Purcell Peña, Dr. Julio Espallat, Lic. Manuel Gatón Niehiez, Dr. José de J. Ravelo de la Fuente, Dr. Nanelik Gassó, Dr. Federico García Godoy, Dr. Danilo Alvarez Curiel. *Ecuador:* Dr. Clodoveo Alcívar Zevallos, Dr. Egberto García Solórzano, Dr. Juan A. Montalván C. *El Salvador:* Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes, Dr. Ricardo Joaquín Peralta. *France:* Dr. René Lavoine, Dr. Hervé Floch. *Guatemala:* Dr. Luis F. Galich. *Haiti:* Dr. Athémas Bellerive, Dr. Félix Buteau. *Honduras:* Dr. Manuel Cáceres Vigil, Dr. Saturnino Medal. *Mexico:* Dr. Gustavo Argil, Dr. Francisco Fonseca, Dr. José Zozaya. *Netherlands:* Dr. N. H. Swellengrebel, Dr. C. A. F. Bruyning, Dr. F. J. Rutten. *Nicaragua:* Dr. Alejandro Sequeira Rivas, Dr. Carlos D. García. *Panama:* Dr. Carlos E. Mendoza, Dr. Ernesto Zubieta. *Paraguay:* Dr. Pedro Hugo Peña. *Peru:* Dr. Edgardo Rebagliati, Dr. Aníbal Álvarez López, Dr. Jorge Estrella Ruiz. *United Kingdom:* Dr. J. W. P. Harkness; Advisers: Dr. A. A. Peat, Dr. S. N. Johnston, Dr. Horace Gillette. *United States:* Dr. Leonard E. Scheele, Dr. H. van Zile Hyde, Dr. Frederick J. Brady; Advisers: Mr. James E. Anderson, Mr. William Belton, Mr. Kenneth R. Overson, Dr. John S. Morehead, Dr. Juan A. Pons. *Uruguay:* Dr. Ricardo Cappeletti. *Venezuela:* Dr. Carlos Luis González, Dr. Aníbal Osuna, Dr. Rogelio Valladares; Alternates: Dr. Rafael Camejo, Dr. Luis Castillo Arráez. *Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Regional Office, World Health Organization:* Dr. Fred. L. Soper, Director (Ex-Officio Member); Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante, Secretary General (Secretary of the Conference); Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes, Director, Division of Public Health; Mr. Chester L. Guthrie, Director, Division of Administrative Services.

## REPRESENTATIVES

*World Health Organization:* Mr. Milton P. Siegel, Dr. Marcolino Gómez Candau, Miss Bernice Newton.

## OBSERVERS

As Observers from the following countries and organizations:

*Canada:* Mr. Arthur Blanchette. *United Kingdom:* Dr. G. R. Marcano. *Organization of American States:* Mr. Paul R. Kelbaugh. *International Labor Organization:* Dr. Luis Alvarado. *Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations:* Dr. Arturo Vergara. *American International Institute for the Protection of Childhood:* Dr. Manuel Salcedo, Dr. Rafael Santoni Calero. *The Rockefeller Foundation:* Dr. Rolla B. Hill, Dr. Henry P. Carr. *Inter-American Committee on Social Security:* Dr. Pompilio Brouwer, Mr. Tirso Rivera.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Conference elected by acclamation as President of the Conference, Dr. Manuel A. Robiou.

By ballot the Conference elected Dr. Clodoveo Alcívar Zevallos, of Ecuador, for First Vice-President and Dr. Carlos Luis González, of Venezuela, for Second Vice-President. The officers elected were then duly seated, as follows:

President: Dr. Manuel A. Robiou, Dominican Republic.

First Vice-President: Dr. Clodoveo Alcívar Zevallos, Ecuador.

Second Vice-President: Dr. Carlos Luis González, Venezuela.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante Secretary General of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, acted as Secretary.

## OPENING SESSION

The Opening Session was held in the National Palace, on 2 October 1950, at 10:00 a.m. His Excellency, Señor Don Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molina, President of the Dominican Republic, presided and delivered the opening address of the Conference. Dr. Edgardo Rebagliati, Minister of Public Health and Social Welfare of Peru, replied on behalf of the Delegations. Addresses were also delivered by Dr. Manuel A. Robiou, President of the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference and Secretary of State for Public Health and Welfare of the Dominican Republic, and by Dr. Fred L. Soper, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

## PRINCIPAL COMMITTEES

In accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the Principal Committees were established as follows:

*Committee on Programs and Technical Matters*

Chairman: Dr. Nacianceno Romero, Chile.

Vice-Chairman: Dr. Frederick J. Brady, United States.

Rapporteur: Dr. Pedro Hugo Peña, Paraguay.

*Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters*

Chairman: Dr. Heitor Prager Fróes, Brazil.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. James F. Anderson, United States.

Rapporteur: Dr. Gerardo Segura, Argentina.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure, two additional countries, not already represented in this Committee, were designated: Dr. Lorenzo A. García, Argentina, and Dr. Félix Hurtado, Cuba. The membership of this Committee was established as follows:

Chairman: Dr. Manuel A. Robiou, Dominican Republic.

First Vice-Chairman: Dr. Clodoveo Alcívar Zevallos, Ecuador.

Second Vice-Chairman: Dr. Carlos Luis González, Venezuela.

Members: Dr. Nacianceno Romero, Chile. Dr. Heitor Prager Fróes, Brazil. Dr. Lorenzo A. García, Argentina. Dr. Félix Hurtado, Cuba.

Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante, Secretary General of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, acted as Secretary.

Dr. Fred L. Soper, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, was member *ex-officio*, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.

AGENDA

The Provisional Agenda (Doc. CSP13/2) together with the proposed change in the order of the topics, in order to give precedence to those involving elections, as well as the inclusion therein of the topics contained in Documents CSP13/2 Add. 1, and CSP13/2, Add 2, was approved.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

The Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Doc. CSP13/6) to the Member Governments on the progress of the Organization since the last meeting of the Conference, was unanimously accepted. The Assembly congratulated Dr. Fred L. Soper on the manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau during the period between the last Conference and the present one, and commended his staff for their collaboration therein.

REPORT OF THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ON THE HEALTH CONDITIONS AND PROGRESS ATTAINED BETWEEN THE XII AND THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCES

The reports of the Member Governments were submitted by the respective Delegates in the following order:

First Plenary Session: *United States*: Dr. Juan A. Pons who, on behalf of Dr. Leonard E. Scheele, read the report in Spanish. (Dr. Pons also submitted a

brief report on Puerto Rico.) *Cuba*: Dr. Félix Hurtado. *El Salvador*: Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes. *Mexico*: Dr. Gustavo Argil.

Second Plenary Session: *Nicaragua*: Dr. Carlos D. García, on behalf of Dr. Alejandro Sequeira Rivas. *Uruguay*: Dr. Ricardo Cappelletti. *France*: Dr. René Lavoine, and Dr. Hervé Floch.

Third Plenary Session: *Peru*: Dr. Jorge Estrella Ruiz. *Ecuador*: Dr. Egberto García Solórzano. *Colombia*: Dr. Jorge E. Cavelier. *Venezuela*: Dr. Carlos Luis González.

Fourth Plenary Session: *Brazil*: Dr. Heitor Prager Fróes. *Dominican Republic*: Dr. Ramón Guzmán López. *Paraguay*: Dr. Pedro Hugo Peña. *Netherlands*: Dr. F. J. Rutten, Dr. C. A. F. Bruyning, and Dr. N. H. Swellengrebel. *Haiti*: Dr. Athénas Bellerive. *Bolivia*: Dr. Roberto Pacheco Iturralde. *Argentina*: Dr. Lorenzo Adriano García.

Fifth Plenary Session: *Chile*: Dr. Nacianceno Romero. *Guatemala*: Dr. Luis F. Galich. *United Kingdom*: Dr. J. W. P. Harkness. *Costa Rica*: Dr. Oscar Vargas Méndez. *Panama*: Dr. Carlos E. Mendoza.

#### ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

In accordance with the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, the Assembly elected the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for a four-year period beginning 1 February 1951. Dr. Fred L. Soper was reelected by acclamation.

#### NOMINATION OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, acting as Regional Committee of the World Health Organization, unanimously agreed, by unanimous vote of the members of the Regional Committee, to submit to the Executive Committee of the World Health Organization, the nomination of Dr. Fred L. Soper as Regional Director of the Regional Office of the World Health Organization for the Americas, for a four-year period beginning on February 1, 1951.

#### MESSAGES

During the course of the Plenary Sessions, messages were presented to the Assembly by:

Mr. Milton P. Siegel, Assistant Director-General of the World Health Organization, on his own behalf and on that of the Director-General;

Mr. Paul R. Kelbaugh, Chief of the Division of Conferences and Organizations of the Pan American Union, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States;

Dr. Luis Alvarado, Assistant Director-General of the International Labor Office, on behalf of his Organization; and

Dr. Arturo Vergara, on behalf of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations.

# SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

In addition to the Inaugural and Preliminary Sessions, the Conference held eight Plenary Sessions, twelve Committee Sessions, as well as a Closing Session at 6:00 p.m. on the 10th day of the month of October, 1950.

## RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

At the Plenary Session held on Monday, 9 October 1950, the following resolutions, prepared by the Principal Committees, were approved:

### I. PROGRAMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

#### WHEREAS:

The programs and recommendations adopted by the Conferences and Meetings for which no appropriate funds are voted, become automatically ineffective;

The Pan American Sanitary Bureau is now carrying out its functions on the basis of a budget, which has not been the case in previous years; and

The recommendations accumulated from previous Conferences and Meetings only serve to demonstrate the interest of Member States in the development of certain activities, rather than as injunctions to the Bureau, as long as no corresponding funds are assigned;

### THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE RESOLVES:

1. To relieve the Pan American Sanitary Bureau from such responsibilities imposed by previous Conferences and Meetings as were not supported by appropriate programs and funds, and in the future to consider as responsibilities of the Bureau only those programs and recommendations supported by a budget.

2. To instruct the Director of the Bureau to transmit the approved program to the Member Governments and inform them of changes effected in the General Program of the Bureau.

### II. PROGRAM AND BUDGET POLICY OF THE ORGANIZATION

#### WHEREAS:

The Pan American Sanitary Bureau finds it difficult to carry forward working programs based on budgets adopted shortly before the beginning of the fiscal year;

The present schedule for study and approval of the budgets of the Organization does not allow the Member Governments sufficient time to include provision for their assessed contribution to the Organization in their national budgets for the year in question, thus delaying payments; and

The comments presented by the Director on this problem in Doc. CD4/PP/3 have been considered,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Directing Council to collect all required data for the study of an adequate budget policy for the Organization.

2. To authorize the Directing Council or the organ which may assume its functions, to approve and implement a budget plan for the second year following that of its meeting.

III. WORKING CAPITAL FUND

WHEREAS:

The XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference considers the budget approved by the Directing Council as the decision of the Council as to the type and extent of programs for specific years; and should be carried out by the Bureau as resources become available;

The Pan American Sanitary Conference recognizes the fact that under the present system of approving one year's budget in the last quarter of the previous year all payments will be delayed in respect to the program and budget year of the Pan American Sanitary Organization;

The Pan American Sanitary Bureau requires adequate financial assistance in the form of a Working Capital Fund to enable it to carry out the programs in accordance with the mandates received;

A Working Capital Fund can be built within the actual and anticipated resources of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau only through maintaining an arbitrarily reduced level of expenditures below that authorized by the Directing Council, which will be reflected in an incomplete program;

The Fourth Resolution of the Directing Council in its First Meeting in Buenos Aires on September 24–October 2, 1947, approved the establishment of a reserve for budget financing purposes;

The Directing Council at its Third Meeting in Lima, October 6–13, 1949 in its second resolution approved the use of unobligated funds for budget financing purposes during 1950 awaiting a final report and recommendation of the Director; and

Studies have been made by the Director and his Staff with resulting solutions which were formulated in collaboration with the Tenth Meeting of the Executive Committee,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

1. To create a Working Capital Fund (estimated for 1951 to be \$1,175,880);

2. That the Working Capital Fund shall be for the purpose of financing only operations of budgets approved for the Pan American Sanitary Organization;

3. That the Working Capital Fund shall comprise:

- a) Balance of cash available for credit to the reserve fund 31 December 1949 plus payments of quotas for 1949 and prior years received during 1950, in accordance with the appropriate Resolution of the Directing Council at its Third Meeting, Lima, October 13, 1949;
- b) any cash received in 1950 in respect to the 1950 budget that shall be in excess of obligations;
- c) in years subsequent to 1950 cash in excess of obligations shall be credited to the Working Capital Fund to the amount needed to replenish the Fund and finance the expenditure level approved by the Directing Council; and other balances, if any, will be disposed of in accordance with such financial regulations as are adopted by the Directing Council;

#### AND FURTHER RESOLVES:

4. That title of fund shall rest with the Pan American Sanitary Organization and shall be administered by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in accordance with such financial regulations as are adopted by the Directing Council and the Conference;

5. That reports shall be made in connection with budget estimates by the Executive Committee with the cooperation of the Director on status of the Working Capital Fund, with recommendations as to anticipated needs.

#### IV. QUOTA CONTRIBUTIONS

##### WHEREAS:

The payment of contributions by several Member Countries of the Pan American Sanitary Organization was still pending at the end of the year for which it was due;

This fact brought about a situation under which the Director was compelled to curtail the program adopted by the Organization; and

It is desirable that the Organization carry out the total program for which budget allotments have been made, and at the same time maintain financial stability,

#### THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE RESOLVES:

1. To commend the Director on his foresight in maintaining the level of expenditures within the limits determined by the total receipts which can reasonably be expected during the year in question;

2. To recommend that the Director continue to apply the same criterion in the future, so that the Organization shall not be placed in a difficult financial position;

3. To request all Member Countries to take the necessary steps to insure the payment of their contributions to the Pan American Sanitary Organization at the time they are due, so that the Organization may carry out the adopted program in its entirety.

4. To recommend that the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, in consultation with the Executive Committee, study means of facilitating the payment of contributions by the Member Governments.



## V. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

### WHEREAS:

The functions of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau are sufficiently broad to require special care in the administration of its finances, as well as adequate protection for the individuals who bear the responsibility for such administration; and

Large inter-governmental organizations are guided by detailed financial rules and regulations adopted by their Member States,

### THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE RESOLVES:

1. To commend the Director for his efficient administration of the funds of the Organization in past years.

2. To request the Director to submit a draft of financial regulations to the 13th Meeting of the Executive Committee, and to request the latter to consider the said draft and to submit recommendations to the Directing Council, taking into account such international procedures as are appropriate for such regulations, which are to include, among other points, provisions governing the administration of the Working Capital Fund and the procedure for auditing accounts.

## VI. WORKING DIRECTIVES

### WHEREAS:

Experience has demonstrated the need for an international, regional or even continent-wide approach in solving many health problems in the Americas;

Simultaneous action by two or more governments, in cooperation with and through the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, may be able to achieve results which isolated projects within individual countries cannot accomplish; and

The Pan American Sanitary Bureau has been established (Pan American Sanitary Code, 1924) as the central agency through which the American Countries coordinate their health activities and through which programs may be initiated on a regional or continent-wide scope,

### THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm the conviction of the Members that health problems should be considered on the basis of need as well as on a country-request basis.

2. To urge Member States to give full support to the projection within their territories of international, regional and continental health programs even when such programs may not appear to be of immediate primary importance to them.

VII. PAN AMERICAN CONFERENCES OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS  
OF HEALTH

WHEREAS:

The Pan American Sanitary Organization provides at present several opportunities for frequent contact among the National Health Authorities;

The Constitution of the Organization provides that the Conference shall serve as a forum for the interchange of information and ideas relating to the prevention of disease, the promotion, preservation, and restoration of mental and physical health;

The Constitution moreover provides for regular meetings of the Conference; and

The Pan American Sanitary Bureau is charged with the duty of assuring adequate dissemination of public health information,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

1. To request Member Governments:

- a) To report every two years to the Bureau on the action taken and progress achieved in improving the health of their peoples;
- b) To report annually on the action taken with respect to recommendations made to them by the Organization, and with respect to conventions and agreements;
- c) To communicate promptly to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau important laws, regulations, official reports and statistics pertaining to health which have been published in the countries concerned;
- d) To send, at the request of the Executive Committee, any additional information on public health that may be available.

2. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to publish and make available the information submitted under Section 1 of this Resolution, in such a manner as to be the most useful to the Member Governments.

3. To discontinue the periodic meetings of National Directors of Health, in view of the considerations presented, in order to avoid duplication of effort on the part of the Member States.

VIII. MEETINGS OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

WHEREAS:

The functions of the directive bodies should be facilitated and the cost of holding meetings should be reduced; and

The Conference is the supreme governing authority of the Pan American Sanitary Organization capable of resolving directly any matter ordinarily submitted to a subordinate organ,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

That meetings of the Directing Council in the future shall be held only in those years in which the Conference does not meet.

IX. DATE AND SITE OF THE MEETINGS OF THE DIRECTING  
COUNCIL AND OF THE PAN AMERICAN  
SANITARY CONFERENCE

WHEREAS:

It is desirable to provide opportunities for acquainting Member Nations with progress in public health achieved in the Western Hemisphere by holding meetings of the Conference and Directing Council in the various countries;

It is also necessary to place Member Nations regularly and periodically in contact with the central office of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau; and

It is necessary to reduce the cost to the Organization of holding meetings, while at the same time increasing technical efficiency,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

1. To institute the following schedule for meetings of the Conference and of the Directing Council:

- a) During the odd years between Conferences the annual meetings of the Directing Council shall be held at the Headquarters of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;
- b) The Directing Council shall determine the place for its meetings in those even years in which a meeting of the Conference is not scheduled;
- c) The Pan American Sanitary Conference shall meet every four years and in even years; in accordance with its constitutional powers the Conference shall delegate to the Directing Council the function of setting the date and site of the next meeting of the Conference.

X. COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH PROJECTS AND  
ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS:

There exist various international bodies carrying out important functions relating to the health of the Member Countries;

The Economic and Social Council of the United Nations approved a resolution governing some cooperative programs and their coordination;

The Executive Board of the World Health Organization adopted resolutions on the development of relationships with non-governmental organizations;

The General Assembly of the United Nations, at its Fourth Meeting, and the Third World Health Assembly have considered the problem of coordination of international agencies;

Important steps have been taken within the United Nations and the Organization of American States systems, and by regional offices of the World Health Organization, to bring about adequate coordination of activities; and

It is desirable to promote the International exchange of scientific information, and to cooperate toward the objective of having scientific meetings properly organized, not excessive in number and conveniently coordinated,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the Member Countries and to authorize the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that, for the solution of the above-mentioned problems of coordination, they apply the appropriate resolutions adopted by the World Health Organization, the Organization of American States and the United Nations.

2. To suggest to Member Countries the adoption of the necessary measures to facilitate the coordination of international health activities, within their respective governmental structures, and the creation, within their Health Administrations, of an office whose functions would be to keep informed, to study and to advise on matters pertaining to international health relations.

3. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to cooperate fully with the Council for the Coordination of International Congresses of Medical Sciences, created in Brussels under the auspices of UNESCO and the World Health Organization, with reference to meetings which are world-wide in scope.

4. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to use, as far as applicable, procedures established by that Council in the coordination of regional medical congresses.

5. To recommend that the organizing committees of Pan American medical meetings or congresses which request assistance or have an official status be invited to submit plans and programs to the Executive Committee of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, before proceeding with arrangements.

6. To instruct the Executive Committee:

- a) To study carefully the information furnished by the organizing committee as to the purpose and program of a proposed meeting, giving due regard to the coordination of dates; and
- b) To submit suggestions to governments on whether to discourage or encourage the conference in question.

7. To instruct the Executive Committee not to intervene in arrangements for scientific programs which should remain a responsibility of the organizing group, but that it may propose modifications of the Agenda likely to enhance the significance of these meetings to the Americas.

## XI. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## WHEREAS:

The Technical Assistance Program and Budget of the Regional Office of the World Health Organization for the Western Hemisphere presented by the Regional Director to the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization, amplifies and complements to a considerable extent the projects and activities for the Western Hemisphere,

## THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE

## RESOLVES:

To authorize the Director to transmit to the Director General of the World Health Organization, for his consideration, the proposed Technical Assistance Program and Budget for 1951 of the Regional Office of the World Health Organization.

## XII. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

## WHEREAS:

Article 105 of the Charter of the Organization of American States, signed April 30, 1948, at the Ninth International Conference of American States, provides that "... the juridical status of the Inter-American Specialized Organizations and the privileges and immunities that should be granted to them and to their personnel, as well as to the officials of the Pan American Union, shall be determined in each case through agreements between the respective Organizations and the Governments concerned"; and

The Pan American Sanitary Bureau is desirous of determining the privileges, exemptions, and immunities to be granted to it by Member Governments,

## THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE

## RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to conduct appropriate negotiations with Member Governments with a view to arriving at satisfactory formal arrangements regarding the privileges, exemptions, and immunities which shall be enjoyed by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau as an official international agency.

2. To recommend that Member Governments, through their appropriate constitutional and legislative procedures, enter into an agreement with the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on the subject of privileges and immunities.

XIII. STUDY OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF  
PAN AMERICAN HEALTH

## WHEREAS:

Member Governments, for the purpose of arriving at a better solution of specific problems, on occasion request the Bureau to provide information on general questions relating to organization;

The information provided by the Bureau must be based on a body of principles which is universally accepted to be the best possible expression of the public health ideal today;

The opinion of the Bureau must be arrived at through considered study on the part of its entire technical staff acting to interpret the collective concept of Pan American health; and

Fundamental principles must be evolved gradually, to serve as the foundation supporting the entire structure of organized and efficient public health service,

#### THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Bureau to utilize its technical staff for the study and formulation of a set of principles aimed at interpreting the concept of Pan American health.
2. To instruct the Director to submit the appropriate report to the consideration of the V Meeting of the Directing Council.

#### XIV. REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING CENTERS

##### WHEREAS:

One of the functions of the World Health Organization, as set forth in Article 2 of its Constitution, is to promote improved standards of teaching and training in public health, medical and related professions;

The First Inter-American Conference on Professional Public Health Education held at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1943, under the auspices of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the Association of Schools of Public Health of the United States and Canada, declared that the training of personnel constitutes a fundamental and urgent need in the sanitary improvement of the countries of the Americas, and that the establishment or expansion of Schools of Public Health in accordance with the particular requirements of each country is a matter not only of international but also of continental importance;

The Public Health Services of the countries must have sufficient professional and auxiliary personnel for the achievement of the general objectives of the Pan American Sanitary Organization and for the solution of local problems;

It is indispensable that such personnel, selected according to technical standards, shall be employed on a full-time basis and shall receive adequate remuneration to assure the efficient performance of activities;

Prior training of personnel is a basic condition to satisfactory performance in the discharge of specific duties;

The XII Pan American Sanitary Conference recommended to Member Governments the enactment of legislation to guarantee stability of employment, promotion on a career basis and the responsibilities of public health personnel, as well as a system of full-time employment with ade-

quate compensation for all positions in which such an employment basis is desirable and necessary; and

To lengthen life and promote the health of human beings, which is the basic purpose of the Pan American Sanitary Organization and of the World Health Organization, it is necessary to create in all countries a well-informed public opinion on matters connected with health and this can be attained only by means of an adequate number of highly qualified technical personnel,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

1. The Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall supplement the Schools of Public Health that are at present functioning in some countries of the Americas by, a) furnishing technicians; b) granting fellowships for the training of teachers as well as for students; c) promoting courses and seminars of continental interest and even subsidizing expansion and improvements;

2. The Bureau shall encourage the development of regional training centers for public health personnel of different categories, in the organization of which the following is recommended: a) courses and demonstrations in which basic knowledge in each subject is taught, rather than specialized studies; b) utilization of those national centers which have sufficient experience and a teaching staff qualified for the task.

3. The Bureau shall study the general and specialized educational centers connected with public health which already exist on the Continent and which desire to serve as regional training centers; on the basis of such a study it shall recommend the establishment of the minimum requirements for the operation of the regional training centers.

4. The Bureau shall recommend to Member Governments that priority be given to training technical and auxiliary personnel in activities of public health services.

5. The Bureau shall promote in the various countries the appointment of adequately trained public health personnel, chosen on a technical basis; such personnel must be incorporated into the full-time system of employment, with guarantee of stability of employment and adequate compensation to secure efficient discharge of duties.

6. To instruct the Director of the Bureau to study the budget for this program and to submit it as part of the general budget for 1952 for the consideration of the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

XV. ESTABLISHMENT OF FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN THE  
NATIONAL DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH

WHEREAS:

It is essential that the national departments of health, in order to assure greater efficiency of service, establish a Technical Public Health Career Service, and that they employ technical personnel on a full-time

basis, guaranteeing stability of employment and salaries which would permit a decent standard of living,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

To recommend to Member Countries which have not already done so, to adopt a system of full-time employment for their technical personnel, guaranteeing them stability of employment, promotion on a merit basis, and adequate compensation.

XVI. INTERNATIONAL SANITARY REGULATIONS  
WHEREAS:

The Draft International Sanitary Regulations, Title VIII, Article 93, paragraph 2, state that: "After entry into force, these Regulations replace, as between the States bound by these Regulations and as between these States and the *Organization*, the provisions of the following International Sanitary Conventions and similar Arrangements:

1. ....
2. Pan American Sanitary Code, signed at Havana, Cuba, 14 November 1924";

The said Code serves as a technical instrument which establishes the policy in matters of public health, and at the same time is a legal instrument which gives juridical status to the Pan American Sanitary Organization;

Despite the inclusion of articles in the Constitution of the World Health Organization which recognize the regional independence of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, it is desirable to clarify the position of both bodies;

The Pan American Sanitary Code should be perfected as regards technical public health matters, incorporating or modifying whatever is deemed advisable; and

The juridical position of the Pan American Sanitary Organization cannot validly be modified by the proposed International Sanitary Regulations or by any other Rule which may be adopted by the Assembly of the World Health Organization in the application of its Constitution,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

To recommend to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that he inform the appropriate bodies of the World Health Organization that, after consideration of the problem created by the phraseology of Article 93 of the preliminary draft of the International Sanitary Regulations, the Pan American Sanitary Organization does not consider legally proper the abrogation of the Pan American Sanitary Code, which forms the legal basis of its Constitution; however, it does authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to offer his collaboration to said bodies in the study of such suitable modifications as are practicable in the concepts governing technical public health matters.



## XVII. REPORTING CASES OF RABIES

## WHEREAS:

The Pan American Sanitary Bureau is responsible for the distribution of adequate epidemiological information to Member Countries; and

For the control of rabies it is important to be informed of positive cases occurring in man and animals,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

That Member Countries report monthly to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau cases of rabies occurring in man and animals.

## XVIII. MALARIA CONTROL

## WHEREAS:

Efforts towards the solution of the malaria problem have been undertaken to a greater or lesser extent by all countries in the Western Hemisphere, some having solved the problem completely while others have made remarkable progress in the control of the disease; and

It is certain that, due to the adoption of new techniques of malaria control and to sufficiently intensive and coordinated efforts on the part of Member Countries and territories, total eradication of the disease from the Americas can be achieved,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

To recommend to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to include henceforth in its operating programs the development of such activities as are necessary to provide for greatest intensification and coordination of anti-malaria work in the Hemisphere, stimulating existing programs, facilitating interchange of information and furnishing technical and, wherever possible, economic assistance to the various countries with a view to achieving the eradication of malaria from the Western Hemisphere.

## XIX. SMALLPOX ERADICATION

## WHEREAS:

The fundamental purposes of the Pan American Sanitary Organization shall be to promote and coordinate efforts of the countries of the Western Hemisphere to combat disease, lengthen life, and promote the physical and mental health of the people;

It is an essential objective of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to prevent the international spread of communicable diseases;

The Pan American Sanitary Code authorizes the Bureau to undertake cooperative epidemiological programs, and stimulate and facilitate scientific research and the practical application of the results therefrom;

Smallpox constitutes an important epidemiological problem throughout the continent due to the bearing it has upon the health of the people and the economy of the countries;

It was agreed at the III Meeting of the Directing Council held in Lima, 1949, to assign priority to smallpox in the control programs of communicable diseases in the Americas;

The World Health Organization has recommended that the smallpox control programs be intensified in the various countries;

Sufficient experience has been acquired regarding the epidemiological characteristics of smallpox and the methods for its control, based especially on programs of systematic and generalized vaccination and revaccination, repeated at regular intervals; and

The Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau approved at the IV Meeting of the Directing Council includes an item for the development of cooperative smallpox control programs in the Americas,

#### THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the countries the development, in their respective territories, of systematic programs of smallpox vaccination and revaccination with a view to eradicating this disease.

2. To develop these programs under the auspices of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau which, in agreement with the interested countries, shall take the necessary measures to solve the problems which may arise in the control of smallpox, whether they be of a sanitary, economic or legal nature.

#### XX. COOPERATION IN THE ORGANIZATION OF A PAN AMERICAN ANTI-AFTOSA FEVER (FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE) CENTER

##### WHEREAS:

Aftosa fever (foot-and-mouth disease) is a livestock disease of wide distribution in the Americas and affects human nutrition because of the substantial reductions in meat and milk supplies caused by this epizootic;

The Organization of American States and its Specialized Agencies have received numerous requests from Member Governments for the inclusion of an aftosa project under the Technical Assistance Program, and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau is the only Specialized Agency of the Organization of American States now equipped with a Veterinary Service necessary for the preparation of such a program;

Article IV of the Agreement between the Council of the Organization of American States and the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization (May 23, 1950) provides that "The Pan American Sanitary Organization shall give technical advice on matters of public health and medical care to the Council of the Organization of American States and its organs, and to the Pan American Union, upon request";

The Secretary General of the Organization of American States has made written request to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for the preparation and sponsorship of a technical assistance program for aftosa fever control;

The Pan American Sanitary Bureau, in collaboration with the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences has prepared a program for a Pan American Anti-Aftosa Center to be operated with Technical Assistance Funds; and

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has indicated that any additional participation in this program is subject to special authorization by the Directing Council,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

To approve the action of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in preparing the project for the organization of an Anti-Aftosa Center in the Americas, and to authorize the participation of the Bureau in the organization of such a Center until such time as some other Specialized Agency of the Organization of American States is prepared to take full charge, on the condition that financing of the Center is provided by funds other than those of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

XXI. SITE OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

WHEREAS:

The Committee has reviewed the background material compiled by the Subcommittee appointed to study the matter and it is evident that, in principle, any one of the American nations could serve as the site of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

A special vote of thanks is owed to the countries which have offered their national territories for the establishment of the headquarters of the Bureau, namely, Peru, Panama, Mexico and the United States; and

After due consideration of the geographic, technical, economic, cultural and practical aspects of the problem, the Delegations have agreed that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau should remain in the United States which, it is hoped, will continue to collaborate with the Bureau as it has done in the past,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

1. That the Headquarters of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau remain in the United States.

2. To express a special vote of thanks to the Republic of Mexico which has offered not only the land for the building but in addition a detailed plan for the construction and financing of the building, an offer which represents a significant effort to encourage the fullest spirit of Pan Americanism.

XXII. CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE OF A BUILDING FOR THE PAN  
AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

WHEREAS:

The majority of opinions expressed on this subject are in favor of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau having its own building, to be constructed in the United States;

The study required in the planning of such a building would involve long and painstaking work which cannot be undertaken at the present XIII Meeting of the Pan American Sanitary Conference; and

It might be desirable to acquire temporary quarters which would provide the adequate conditions necessary for housing the Pan American Sanitary Bureau while the problem of the construction of its own headquarters is being resolved,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to undertake the study and planning of a building for the Bureau, in consultation with the appropriate technical bodies, and to report the results thereof at a future meeting of the Executive Committee.

2. To authorize the Executive Committee at its XII Meeting to appoint a subcommittee of three Members who, in collaboration with the Director of the Bureau, would take the necessary steps to select and contract for buildings or property, on a rental or purchase basis, to serve as an interim headquarters for the Bureau pending the construction of its own building.

3. To authorize the Director to appropriate, in accord with the Executive Committee, the amounts required for carrying out the recommendations contained in the preceding paragraphs.

XXIII. SITE OF THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
WHEREAS:

On the basis of the opinions expressed, the selection of the site for the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference in 1954 is thought to be somewhat premature inasmuch as unforeseen circumstances may develop which would make a decision inapplicable;

This Conference has the power to delegate to the Directing Council, at its Meeting in 1952, the function of selecting the site for the next Conference; and

There may be reasons which would prevent holding the Conference at the site chosen, thus making it necessary to select another on short notice,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

1. To delegate to the Directing Council the selection of the site for the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference.

2. To agree that, should the country chosen for the site of a Pan American Sanitary Conference, because of unforeseen circumstances, be unable to comply with this commitment, the meeting of the Conference will automatically be held at the headquarters of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

XXIV. 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU  
WHEREAS:

The Pan American Sanitary Organization was organized in December, 1902, and in 1952 will have completed 50 years of continuous service for improvement of health conditions in the American nations, a service which represents considerable endeavor and specific contributions to public health progress during the past half century;

An event of such import should not pass unnoticed, but be commemorated by means of a special celebration, which would serve as an incentive to greater progress and provide an opportunity for reviewing the technical basis of public health practice and bring them up-to-date; and the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Organization could fittingly be conducted by the Pan American Sanitary Organization in the form of a scientific health congress in 1952 under the title of "First Inter-American Sanitary Congress"; and

Inasmuch as one of the greatest contributions to the health of the Americas was the discovery by Carlos J. Finlay of the vector of yellow fever, the proposed Congress should also pay homage to this eminent public health worker, as well as to other great pioneers of public health in this Hemisphere, to which end Cuba offers the City of Havana, Capital of the Republic, as the seat of the Congress,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

1. To hold the First Inter-American Sanitary Congress in the City of Havana, Cuba, in 1952.

2. To request the Executive Committee of the Pan American Sanitary Organization to instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to proceed, jointly with the appropriate authorities of the Cuban Government, to the organization of said Congress, the specific date of which shall be fixed through consultation between the Government of Cuba and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

XXV. REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PAN AMERICAN  
SANITARY ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS:

The Directing Council in its IV Meeting submitted to the consideration of this Conference a preliminary project of revision of the present

Constitution, formulated by a committee chosen by the Directing Council; and

The suggested modifications require ample and detailed study due to their primary importance,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

1. To note the preliminary project of revision of the Constitution.
2. To authorize the Executive Committee, after due examination of said project, to submit it to the Directing Council at its V Meeting, together with the expressed opinions of the Member Governments, the Members of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization and the Council of the Organization of American States.
3. To authorize the Directing Council at its V Meeting to decide on the amendments and to adopt them in the Constitution.

XXVI. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH CENTER

WHEREAS:

The influence of social and economic conditions constitutes an ecological factor of great importance in the health of the people, and its study on an experimental basis is highly recommended; and

The Cuban Government has offered to grant sufficient land on the Isle of Pines for the site of a Social and Economic Research Center where plans for social and economic improvement may be evolved,

THE XIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE  
RESOLVES:

1. To acknowledge the generous offer made by the Cuban Government.
2. To recognize the fundamental importance of economic and social research for the establishment of scientific basis of public health administration.
3. To instruct the Executive Committee to make a careful study of the information which the Cuban Government wishes to submit for the consideration of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, relative to the work program or other aspects of the proposed Center.
4. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to transmit to the Member Governments all information supplied by the Cuban Government, as well as the pertinent observations and recommendations of the Executive Committee.

XXVII. APPROVAL AND CONFIRMATION OF THE DECISIONS AND  
RESOLUTIONS OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

WHEREAS:

The Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization was definitely established on September 24, 1947, in accordance with the